

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 1213
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 1-4 Economic Development; April 19, 2021, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-6 Nays 0; April 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1213 By: Seliger

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the establishment of an advisory committee for the
 1-22 TexNet seismic monitoring program.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 67, Education Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 67.72 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 67.72. TEXNET TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In
 1-27 this section, "program" means the TexNet seismic monitoring program
 1-28 administered by the bureau.

1-29 (b) The TexNet Technical Advisory Committee is established
 1-30 as an advisory committee within the bureau.

1-31 (c) The advisory committee consists of nine members
 1-32 appointed by the governor who work or reside in this state,
 1-33 including:

1-34 (1) one representative of the Railroad Commission of
 1-35 Texas who specializes in seismology, geomechanical engineering,
 1-36 reservoir engineering, or another related field recommended to the
 1-37 governor by the executive director of the Railroad Commission of
 1-38 Texas; and

1-39 (2) at least three representatives from the oil and
 1-40 gas industry, not to include the representative appointed under
 1-41 Subdivision (1).

1-42 (d) The governor shall designate a member of the advisory
 1-43 committee as the chair of the advisory committee to serve in that
 1-44 capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

1-45 (e) A person affiliated with the bureau or under contract
 1-46 for services with the bureau may not serve as a voting member of the
 1-47 advisory committee.

1-48 (f) The director of the bureau shall serve, ex officio, as a
 1-49 nonvoting member of the advisory committee.

1-50 (g) The advisory committee shall:

1-51 (1) in coordination with the bureau, develop
 1-52 recommendations for a program of work to assist the program and any
 1-53 research efforts affiliated with the program in accomplishing the
 1-54 goals of the program, including recommendations regarding:

1-55 (A) the acquisition and deployment of equipment;

1-56 (B) contracting with vendors;

1-57 (C) determining the scope of research programs
 1-58 associated with the program; and

1-59 (D) determining the scope of any use of funds
 1-60 appropriated by the legislature for the program or associated

2-1 research;
2-2 (2) review and approve or reject expenditures made in
2-3 connection with the program;
2-4 (3) prepare and approve an annual budget for the use of
2-5 any funds appropriated for the program by the legislature;
2-6 (4) provide oversight and input on the acquisition,
2-7 deployment, and operation of new and existing program equipment;
2-8 (5) ensure that there is a monthly transmission of the
2-9 data collected by seismic equipment operated under the program to
2-10 the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology database;
2-11 and
2-12 (6) meet with the bureau quarterly to discuss the
2-13 progress of the program, expenditures made in connection with the
2-14 program, and any other information related to the program that the
2-15 advisory committee finds necessary.
2-16 (h) Not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year,
2-17 the advisory committee and the bureau jointly shall prepare and
2-18 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of
2-19 the house of representatives a report that includes:
2-20 (1) a review of the use of any funds appropriated for
2-21 the program by the legislature;
2-22 (2) a complete listing and accounting of all research
2-23 funded through the program, including:
2-24 (A) a list of contractors employed under the
2-25 program;
2-26 (B) an itemized budget for each program element;
2-27 and
2-28 (C) a list of the geographic coverage of the
2-29 program; and
2-30 (3) recommendations related to the ongoing operations
2-31 and requirements of the program.

2-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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